

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 5, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Community Clubhouse
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Vice Chair Elwin, and Councilmembers Erwin, Gooding, and Seal

ABSENT: None.

GUEST: Oscar Del Moro, Cosmos Development
Greg Smith, King County Library System

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Chair Kasner presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call by the Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Chair Kasner led the flag salute.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN AND ORAL**

City Councilmember Conrad Lee welcomed the newer Councilmembers and thanked everyone for their public service. He said he looks forward to working together as issues affecting East Bellevue arise.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Seal suggested adding as Agenda Item 11(b), Lake Hills Boulevard sidewalk project.

Vice Chair Elwin moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Councilmember Seal seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

5. **COURTESY PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:** None.

7. **REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) Lake Hills Shopping Center Update

Oscar Del Moro, Cosmos Development, recalled that he and City staff began discussing the redevelopment of the Lake Hills Shopping Center nearly 10 years ago. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. The plan envisions a heavily landscaped mixed-use project with a library, underground parking, retail and office space, residential units, and places for local residents to gather.

The first components to be constructed are the library and a gateway feature at the center. The current Lake Hills Library will remain open until construction is completed. Mr. Del Moro briefly described the building materials to be used. Phase 1 of the project does not include retail uses. Mr. Del Moro responded to questions from the Council and the audience.

Greg Smith, King County Library System, displayed and described depictions of the 10,000 square foot library, which will be adjacent to the public plaza. He responded to questions of clarification from the Council and audience.

Responding to Chair Kasner, Mr. Smith said the current library building has not yet been sold. Project updates on the new library will be available on the King County Library System web site [www.kcls.org]. It is tentatively scheduled for completion next summer.

Chair Kasner thanked the guests for attending.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(a) Community Council Discussion Topics for Future Meetings

Chair Kasner invited input regarding discussion topics for future meetings. He noted he would like to find ways to encourage more public involvement in the Community Council's meetings. Councilmember Seal recalled that the Community Council published a newsletter many years ago. The Council expressed an interest in adding information to the City's web site, and suggested listing upcoming meetings in the Bellevue Reporter newspaper.

Jay and Tori Evans, East Bellevue residents, shared their concerns regarding group homes and suspicious/criminal activity in neighborhoods.

Responding to questions from the audience, City Councilmember Lee described the Community Council's role in land use issues for the East Bellevue Subarea. He invited residents to attend City Council meetings, and encouraged them to participate in neighborhood associations and the Community Council's meetings.

Chair Kasner invited input from Councilmembers regarding their interest in a Special Meeting and/or annual retreat. He said the meeting should provide an orientation for the new Councilmember.

Councilmember Seal suggested a briefing regarding the Community Council's role and responsibilities under state law. The Clerk said Assistant City Attorney Monica Buck can provide this training.

Following additional discussion, the Council decided to hold Special Meetings on the evenings of May 19 and 20 as the annual retreat. Topics include those noted above as well as the Community Council's web page, advocacy and community outreach, and the Council's overall vision and goals. The Clerk said she will start noticing the meetings in the Bellevue Reporter, as suggested earlier.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) November 3, 2009 EBCC Voter Pamphlet Participation

Chair Kasner referred the Council to the memo in the meeting packet regarding preparations for the November 3 election, and the submission of a proposition asking for continuance of the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation (Community Council).

Vice Chair Elwin moved to participate in the November 2009 Local Voter's Pamphlet and to advertise via legal notice the acceptance of applications for both the pro and con committees with regard to the proposition for continuance. Councilmember Erwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Seal noted the ballot explanatory statement on page 3 of the meeting packet. The Clerk said that the statement has been approved as to form by the legal department.

Councilmember Seal moved to authorize Chair Kasner to sign the East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation Explanatory Statement. Councilmember Elwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

(b) Lake Hills Boulevard Sidewalk Project

Councilmember Seal noted this proposed sidewalk project between 143rd and 148th Avenues SE.

12. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**: None.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

14. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Seal moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the April 7, 2009, East Bellevue Community Council meeting. Councilmember Erwin seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Seal moved to adjourn, and Councilmember Erwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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